

CHAPTER NO. 877

SENATE BILL NO. 3289

By Davis

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3307

By Windle, Buck, Ronnie Cole

AN ACT To amend Section 16-15-5004, relative to the jurisdiction of courts of general sessions in any county having a population of not less than seventeen thousand two hundred and fifty (17,250) nor more than seventeen thousand five hundred and fifty (17,550) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-5004, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(_) (1) Effective July 1, 2000, in counties of the sixth class having a population of not less than seventeen thousand two hundred and fifty (17,250) nor more than seventeen thousand five hundred and fifty (17,550) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census:

(A) The general sessions court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit and chancery courts over divorce and all other domestic relations cases, mental health commitment cases, probate cases and cases involving decedents' estates.

(B) Regardless of the court exercising jurisdiction, divorce and all other domestic relations cases, mental health commitment cases, probate cases and cases involving decedents' estates, shall continue to be filed in the clerk's office where such cases were filed on June 30, 2000.

(2) This subsection shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of any county to which it applies. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of any such legislative body and certified to the Secretary of State.


SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 1, 2000


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 5th day of June 2000


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR